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Default on submission of details of COVID-19 suspects

DC issues final warning to Private Hospitals

Mysuru, June 30 (SPN&DM)- As fresh COVID-19 positive cases are being reported from across the District almost every other day in the past couple of weeks, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has warned private hospitals of action if they fail to submit details of SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illness), ILI (Influenza Like Illness) and COVID-19 symptomatic patients, who are treated in their respective hospitals, on a daily basis.

The DC said that in the wake of spurt in COVID positive cases, private hospitals were asked over phone and via e-mail to upload medical reports of patients who visited their hospitals complaining of symptoms similar to SARI, ILI and COVID diseases, through the website *http://kpme.karnataka.tech/index.php/login*, on a daily basis. But some hospitals are found not doing so and this was evident from the fact that an elderly man, who died recently, was found COVID positive a few days after his death and in another case, the hospital authorities had failed to report the death of a man due to COVID, he said.

Pointing out that it is mandatory for all private hospitals to upload medical reports and other details of symptomatic patients visiting them, on a daily basis, Abhiram Sankar said that this was the last warning being issued to private hospitals over the issue. Action will be initiated under the KPME Act against those hospitals found defaulting and their registration cancelled, he cautioned.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar

Mandatory for public to wear face masks

Meanwhile, Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar has appealed the public to fully co-operate with the District Administration in stopping the spread of the deadly pandemic.

In a press release issued on Monday, the DC said that the members of the public visiting any Govt. Office must compulsorily wear face masks and use hand sanitisers before entering the Office. Pointing out that those not wearing face masks will not be allowed inside the Offices, he said that following COVID guidelines such as physical distancing, wearing of face masks and use of hand sanitisers is key for ensuring the safety and health of not only their own but also that of the Govt. staff, who are fighting the deadly pandemic and their family members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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will resume printing the newspaper from Thursday, 2nd July 2020

Due to Coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown notified by the Government, we had temporarily stopped the print edition of *Star of Mysore*.

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Stricter Night Curfew: City Top Cop

Total lockdown on all Sundays from July 5 to Aug. 2

Mysuru, June 30 (MK&DM)- As a tough measure to contain the spread of the deadly COVID, the Mysuru City Police have enforced a stricter night curfew from 8 pm to 5 am across the city on all days with immediate effect.

In a press release, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that as night curfew begins at 8 pm, all shops, commercial establishments and other business enterprises are instructed to shut down half-an-hour earlier (7.30 pm) in order to enable their staff to return home.

Dr. Chandragupta

Also no member of the public, barring those engaged in essential services and activities, will be allowed on the streets. The daily night curfew (8 pm to 5 am) will be in force until further notice, the release said.

The release further said that as notified earlier, there will be total lockdown on all Sundays from July 5 to Aug. 2, during which all business and commercial activities, barring essential services and medical shops will be completely banned for the day.

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Mysuru reports third COVID-19 death

Nine more positive cases today

Mysuru, June 30 (RK&DM)- Mysuru District reported its third COVID-19 death as a 36-year-old man died of the deadly pandemic at the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road in city this morning.

The deceased, a staffer at the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department in Bengaluru, had returned to his native village Kanchinakere in K.R. Nagar taluk about a week ago after complaining of mild fever. As his fever did not cease, he visited K.R. Hospital in the city a couple of days ago for a check-up, when he was tested positive for COVID-19, following which he was immediately admitted at the designated COVID-19 Hospital. But despite the treatment, he breathed his last this morning, it is learnt.

Sources said that his last rites will be conducted in the city as per the State protocol for the conduct of final rites in respect of COVID-19 deaths.

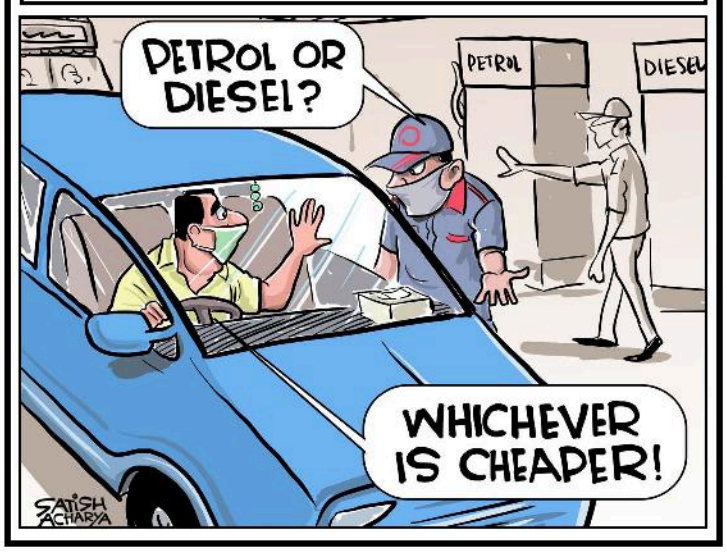
The 36-year-old man's death is the third one reported from the District following the outbreak of the deadly pandemic over three months ago.

The first COVID death was that of an 87-year-old man, who died at a private hospital in the city on June 24. Later, the lab tests of his throat swab samples tested positive for Coronavirus. The second death was that of a 70-year-old man on June 26. The man was being treated at COVID Hospital after he was found symptomatic of SARI disease.

Nine new cases

Meanwhile, the district recorded nine more COVID positive cases today, taking the total tally of cumulative cases in Mysuru district to 270.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 30th June 2020

No private hospital in Karnataka can deny COVID-19 treatment

Bengaluru, June 30 (UNI)- No private hospital or medical establishment in Karnataka can turn away or deny treatment to COVID-19 patients. "Private medical establishments in the State shall not deny, refuse or avoid treatment to patients with COVID and COVID-like symptoms," ordered Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar.

T.M. Vijay Bhaskar

Bhaskar highlighted that the Government took note of some private medical establishments in the State refusing treatment to COVID patients. According to the Chief Secretary, such refusals amount to violating Section 11 of the Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Act, 2017, which mandates that every private medical establishment should actively participate in the implementation of all National and State health programmes.

"Private medical establishments shall actively participate in the implementation of all National and State health programmes in such manner as the State Government may notify," said Bhaskar. The Chief Secretary said it is also the statutory duty of all private medical facilities to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and adhere to the Patient's Charter.

Bhaskar invoked the Disaster Management Act 2005 and passed the orders in the capacity of the Chairman of the State Executive Committee, Disaster Management, under the powers vested under Sections 24(f) and 24(I). He also directed the private hospitals to strictly comply with the provisions of Sections 11 and 11 A of the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act 2017 and the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

State Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey also clarified that no private medical college, hospital or similar establishment can deny treatment to COVID patients.

"Private medical colleges, hospitals and establishments cannot deny, refuse or avoid treating COVID patients and persons with COVID symptoms," said Pandey.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Our Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) have been providing basic healthcare around reproductive and child health, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, preventive health care outreach, among others. It is thus essential that these first points of healthcare delivery are well-staffed, well-equipped and well-connected so that they reduce the burden on the tertiary health facilities. Technology can serve as a powerful tool to aid clinically trained healthcare providers even in the remotest of locations. For long, many PHCs suffered from low footfall underscoring the need for quality, hygiene and required equipment and supplies. Quality of services cannot be compromised even in the remotest of health centres or for the poorest of citizens. With access to affordable and quality primary healthcare, communities are less likely to travel long distances to tertiary care hospitals, usually based in city centres or in other States, and strain their resources. With access to timely care, they are also more likely to recover quickly. If suitably strengthened, India's 25,000 PHCs and 5,300 community health centres can be powerful assets of a more resilient healthcare delivery system against any clear and present danger like the COVID-19 and of the unknown tomorrow.

— Pompy Sridhar, Nupur Bahl and Dr. Sita Rama Budharaju in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Twisted trees of Slope Point shaped by wind

Slope Point: Slope Point is not only known for being the southernmost tip on New Zealand's South Island, but also for hosting some of the strangest-looking trees in the world. They are shaped by the relentless winds that constantly pummel this place. Trees don't usually grow in the Slope Point area not because the soil isn't fertile enough, but the winds blowing through the slopes and fields of this place make it an inhospitable place. Still, the farmers bring their sheep here for grazing at planted patches of trees as shelter for the animals.

Novelist Trevor Cree once described the winds of Slope Point like this: "It is not a wind that will necessarily break and snap at will, although clearly it can, it is its sheer relentlessness, like a gnawing toothache, that never ceases until total submission from the victim is achieved."

Bizman too scared to end his life hires assassins

New Delhi: A financially-burdened businessman from Delhi, who wanted to end his own life, but was too scared to do it himself hired four hitmen to kill him so his family could receive a considerable insurance policy.

40-year-old Gaurav Bansal supported his family by operating a ration shop, but because of the COVID-19 lockdown, the poor state of his business had taken a toll on the man's mental state and he was plunged in a deep depression. Unable to see hope, Bansal took out a personal loan of Rs. 6 lakh and planned to have himself murdered so he contacted four other people to do it, for a price.

On June 10, Police found Gaurav's body hanging from a tree near outer Delhi's Najafgarh area. They immediately ruled out suicide because his hands had been tied, so a murder case was registered and an investigation began. The accused confessed to the murder, claiming that Gaurav had convinced them that they would be doing him a favour, because he wanted to die and his family would thus receive some much needed insurance money.

Rising COVID-19 cases

Health Department launches door-to-door campaign

Mysuru, June 30 (SBD&DM)- With COVID-19 positive cases rising by the day in Mysuru district, the Health Department has launched a door-to-door awareness campaign-cum-survey across the district. About 900 teams comprising more than 2,000 ASHA workers and other health staff are visiting households to check the residents for Coronavirus symptoms such as cough, cold and fever and also for ILI (Influenza like Illness).

The teams together have tested more than 1,100 people for ILI symptoms since May 22, during which only two people tested Corona positive. In the initial lockdown days in the months of March and April, only 678 quarantined persons were tested for the symptoms. Later, following the relaxations in lockdown regulations, people were also checked for ILI symptoms.

During the course of the campaign, those found suffering from diabetes, cancer, heart ailments, respiratory problems, kidney dialysis, paralysis etc., were subjected to thermal screening. Those found suffering from cough, cold and fever were directly taken to the designated health centres, where their throat swab and blood samples were collected and sent for testing to Laboratories. All such persons were asked not to be in contact with anyone till the Lab report came.

Throat swab collection centres

The throat swab collection centres are at the District Hospital on KRS road, which is the COVID-19 designated hospital, K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, Primary Health Centre (PHC) near Kurubarahalli Circle on Chamundi Hill road, PHC, Rajendranagar, PHC, Bannimantap and all Taluk Hospitals of the District.

Meanwhile, swab collection at the Health Centre in Makkala Koota, located close to Sarada Vilas College in Krishnamurthypuram, has been temporarily stopped owing to flooding of the premises following the recent rains. District Vector-borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. Chidambara said that people having cough, cold and fever must come forward for undergoing a thorough medical check up.

Pointing out that the Government has come up with a slogan for the people 'Our life, our responsibility', he stressed on the need for everyone to take precautionary and safety measures in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and also to be safe from Vector-borne diseases like Dengue and Chikungunya which are often found to break out during the rainy season.

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VOICE OF THE READER

MCC's callousness in COVID times

Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities their callousness and apathy towards safety in times of COVID-19.

The MCC workers were seen cleaning the drainage in a well-populated area like Kuvempunagar recently and they did not bother to have the minimum requirement of safety like masks and gloves. This will send a wrong message to public.

Hope the MCC Commissioner will take note of this and make suitable arrangements to provide safety gears for all civic workers.

— RBM Rao
Kuvempunagar
28.6.2020

K.R. BJP unveils PM Modi's achievements in Digital Rally

Mysuru, June 30 (PM&DM)- Marking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's completion of the first year of his second term, the BJP K.R. Unit on Sunday held a digital rally highlighting his achievements, measures taken for tackling COVID-19 and his ambitious 'Atma Nirbhar' initiative aimed at self-reliance, at the office of K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas located in CADA office premises on Sayyaji Rao road.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that the party workers had worked day and night to distribute ration kits, food kits and health kits to all the people of his Constituency who were in deep distress following the enforcement of the nationwide COVID lockdown. Lauding the party workers for their thankless job, he said that it is important to note that the party workers took up Coronavirus awareness campaign voluntarily.

Maintaining that the amendments to the APMC Act was beneficial to the farming community, Ramdas said that it is necessary to launch a campaign for boycott of Chinese goods in the wake of recent Chinese incursions.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, leaders M.Vadivelu, Noor Fatima, Nagendrakumar and others were present.

Earlier, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra delivered the keynote address of the rally from the Party Office at Chamarajapuram.

Asserting that Prime Minister Modi has responded to the plight of the poor and the needy during lockdown time by crediting Rs.500 to their Jan-Dhan accounts, Nagendra highlighted the achievements of Prime Minister Modi. Maintaining that the PM must be credited for addressing long- standing issues that have been haunting the country, he said that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Triple Talaq Bill, construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, were some of the examples.

Stating that the launch of Ayushman Bharat Health scheme and distribution of Kisan Credit cards to the farmers are among the many big achievements of Modi, Nagendra lauded the Centre for implementing various schemes that benefitted the common man.

Praising the efforts of MLA Ramdas for distributing 80,000 medical kits to the people of K.R. Constituency, he said that Ramdas has always shown concern for the health and well-being of the people.

Central and State Governments have worked effectively for containing Coronavirus: Raghu Kautilya

Mysuru, June 30 (SPN&DM)- Maintaining that both the Central and State Governments have been working effectively for tackling the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, State BJP Co-Spokesperson Raghu Kautilya said that the party should take the digital route to organise the party in these trying times of COVID-19 lockdown.

He was addressing the digital rally organised by the party's Chamundeshwarinagar Unit.

Pointing out that the BJP has come to power in the State for the second time, Raghu Kautilya said that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa is doing a commendable job by introducing various schemes and initiatives.

Observing that it is the responsibility of every party worker to take the programmes of the Union and State Governments to the doorsteps of the people, he said that the State and Central Governments have been effectively tackling the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for announcing Rs.20 lakh crore package for economic stimulus, Raghu welcomed the State Government's initiative for providing relief to Madivala, Savita Samaja and such other micro communities.

He further said that Chief Minister Yediyurappa has come to the rescue of the working class by announcing a special package for them.

He commmended the BJP Chamundeshwarinagar Unit for distributing more than 3,500 ration kits, 40,000 food packets, free medicines and food to migrant workers and financial assistance to the poor and the needy during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Local party leaders H.G. Rajamani, Eeregowda, Rakesh Bhat, Girish, Shasikanth, Nagaraj, Shubhashree, Sujith Stephen, Hemanth and others were present.

Medical protection kits distributed

Mysuru, June 30- Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled had organised a programme at Town Hall in city on June 27 to distribute medical protection kits to Pourakarmikas, Police and ASHA workers who are at the forefront in the fight against the deadly pandemic.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, who spoke after distributing the kits, said that ASHA workers, Police, Medical Staff and Pourakarmikas were working as frontline warriors in the fight against the pandemic and Samarthanam Trust was distributing safety kits to such Corona Warriors across the State which is a laudable act.

MLA L. Nagendra said that Samarthanam Trust had given medical equipment worth Rs.15 lakh to COVID Hospital and Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru. Also, the Trust has helped differently-abled persons, migrant workers, daily wagers and poor families during the lockdown by providing 15,000 rapid response relief kits and food, that is a commendable, he added.

Trust Head Devaraju said that the Trust had donated a day's salary of all its staff (Rs.5 lakh) to COVID Relief Fund.

MCC Zonal Commissioner Nagaraju, MCC Health Officer Jayanth, Taluk Health Officer Mahadevaprasad and Samarthanam Trust Mysuru Division Convenor M. Shivaraju, Health Inspector Yogesh were present.

Youth goes missing from city

Mysuru, June 30 (KS)- A 22-year-old youth, who left his house on June 25 at about 11 am on his orange coloured Honda Dio scooter, has since gone missing.

The missing youth is Dileep, a resident of Medar Block, Bamboo Bazaar in city and used to undertake installation of Dish TV in rural places. He is 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, oily red complexioned, oval faced, has a mole on his right forehand, speaks Kannada and Tamil languages and was wearing a orange and black jerkin, grey T-Shirt and blue shorts at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing youth, may contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313 / 513, Mob: 98458-62184 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Job Loss Vs Entrepreneurial Spirit

Unemployed youths take to street vending

Mysuru, June 30 (RK&BCT)- Four out of 10 youths who received vocational training in various technical and non-technical institutes are out of labour force and a significant chunk of those in the workforce have remained unemployed. The COVID pandemic had a devastating and disproportionate impact on youth employment with more than four in 10 young people forced to stop working since the outbreak.

Additionally, more than six in 10 young workers who were employed in accommodation, food services, wholesale and retail trade have lost their jobs and regular income — in the four sectors that have been most disrupted by the crisis.

Reports say that women, who make up more than half of the workforce in accommodation and food services and over 40 percent of employees in other services activities including retail and real estate, have been hit harder and faster than any other group.

Becoming self-reliant

During lockdown they did not face a crisis for food as help came in the form of food and grocery kits from various NGOs and charity associations. But that too stopped post-lockdown and everybody returned to their new normal. So now how are they coping up with the new-found crisis? How are they supporting their families?

Many of the jobless youths have found answers in footpath vending. From the state of unemployment they have become self-employed, harnessing their entrepreneurial spirit. They sell everything on roadsides, from food to flashlights, clothes and jackets, coconuts and masks, mobile covers and SIM cards, vegetables and fruits, bags and caps, cricket bats to helmets and footwear to Ooty biscuits.

Several streets of Mysuru that have wide footpaths like the one near Bannimantap (Millennium Circle) LIC Building, in front of St. Philomena's College, JSS Medical College till Siddiquinagar have been converted into make-shift marketplace. Such marketplaces have even come up near Surya Bakery Road in Hebbal, Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar Main Road and parts of Outer Ring Road.

Parallel economy

This is a parallel economy where every street entrepreneur/trader supported an average of two others as employees or partners or workers on commission. All of them earn a livelihood, bare but sufficient. The entrepreneur on the street is a proprietor of that particular space, a lessee, an employee or working for a commission — they are all autonomous persons and independent.

There are hundreds of sellers of cheap-tailored garments — anything and everything — jean pants to baby clothes to suits and salwar-kameez sets. A large number of buyers come here to buy such affordable stuff. Going by the COVID trend, many vendors are selling affordable masks. So much so that even a fruit stall has a section where face masks are sold. These masks can cost anywhere between Rs. 25 and Rs. 60 while any medical store sells masks for Rs. 150 and above.

Street food joints

Apart from selling ready-made items, some of the unemployed youths are cashing-in on their culinary skills by opening new street food joints. Women of the household too are assisting their men in preparing and adding more taste to the food.

In a way, street hawkers are an army of urban poor who supply to the even bigger army of urban poor and the relatively poor of the middle class. Lockdown had delivered a deadly punch to this informal sector. Now with diversification, life is returning to normalcy and so also income is tricking in, thanks to their dedication and entrepreneurial spirit.

DCP orders Cops to compulsorily wear face masks, hand gloves while on duty

Mysuru, June 30 (RK&DM)- Even as the COVID-19 cases are rising by the day in the District, DCP (Law & Order) Dr. A. N. Prakash Gowda has ordered all Police personnel to mandatorily wear face masks and hand gloves and to use hand sanitisers while at work.

The Police personnel were also asked not to touch any vehicles, objects or articles with bare hands and to carry out their routine duties only by wearing face masks and hand gloves.

Following the order, Lakshmipuram Police personnel were briefed by Police Inspector Venkatesh in detail about the dos and dont's while on duty near the DC's Office here this morning. The Deputy Commissioner Office comes under the jurisdiction of Lakshmipuram Police Station.

Total lockdown on Sundays

Zoo to remain open on Tuesdays instead of Sundays

Mysuru, June 30 (MTY& BNR)- In view of increasing number of Corona positive cases, the Government has decided to implement complete lockdown on coming four Sundays (July 5, 12, 19 and 26). Hence, the Mysuru Zoo will also be closed on Sundays.

However, the Zoo, which used to remain closed on Tuesdays (weekly holiday) for maintenance, will be open for visitors on the coming four Tuesdays (July 7, 14, 21, 28).

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said that as the Government has ordered complete lockdown on four coming Sundays, it has been decided to keep the Zoo open for public on all the coming four Tuesdays.

Though the Zoo was open even today (Tuesday), only 45 members have visited the Zoo till afternoon, he said and added "After lockdown was relaxed and Zoo was open to visitors, on an average 150-200 people visited the Zoo every day. We have taken all precautions to contain the spread of pandemic and to keep our staff, visitors, birds and animals safe but still number of visitors are less."

Jewellery shops to shut down by 6.30 pm till July 12

Mysuru, June 30 (RK&DM)- In the wake of COVID-19 positive cases rising at an alarming rate across the city, the Mysuru Shroff Traders Association has decided to shut all jewellery shops by 6.30 pm on all days from June 29 to July 12.

In a press release, the Association said that Gold and Silver Refiners Association, Vishwakarma Gold and Silver Workers Association, Pawn Brokers Association and Hardware Sellers Association have expressed support for this decision.

No KSRTC buses on Sundays from July 5 to Aug. 2

Following complete lockdown on Sundays, the KSRTC has suspended all its bus services across the State for the whole day on July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 (Sundays).

Farmers stage protest against amendment to Land Reforms Act

Mysuru, June 30 (PM&DM)- Strongly condemning the amendments to Karnataka Land Reforms Act, farmers under the banner of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Virodhi Kaide Horata Samithi, staged a demonstration in front of the Regional Commissioner's office here on Monday.

Maintaining that the amendments to the Land Reforms Act will sound a death knell to the farming community, the farmers who held sticks to register their protest, alleged that the amendments are aimed at favouring the corporates, landsharks and the rich. Arguing that the amendments will break the backbone of the farming community, the protestors urged the Government to immediately repeal the amendments to the Act. Earlier, the farmers took out a bike rally from the Samithi office located near Gun House on Nanjangud road to the Regional Commissioner's office, passing through Basaveshwara Circle, Sayyaji Rao road, K.R.Circle, D.Devaraj Urs road, JLB road, Metropole Circle and Hunsur road.

Samithi Chief Convenor Kurubur Shanthakumar, office-bearers Attahalli Devaraj, Vidyasagar, Guruprasad were present.

Centre announces easing of curbs from July 1 to 31

New Delhi, June 30- With the COVID Unlock 1.0 coming to an end today (June 30), the Centre on Monday issued guidelines for Unlock 2.0 allowing expansion of domestic air travel in a calibrated manner, relaxation in night curfew and permitting more than five persons in a shop depending on its area from July 1 to 31.

However, International flights, Metro and Educational Institutions will remain closed till July 31.

Cinemas, Gymnasiums, Swimming Pools, Entertainment Parks, Bars, Auditoriums, Assembly Halls and the like will remain closed and large gatherings of more than 50 persons remain prohibited.

However, the dates for re-opening these places will be decided based on the assessment of the situation after a month. Lockdown will be implemented strictly in Containment Zones, which are required to be carefully demarcated by States/ Union Territories with a view to contain the spread of COVID, after taking into consideration the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Within the Containment Zones, strict perimeter control will be maintained and only essential services and activities are allowed till July 31.

Several Organisations stage protests near DC Office

Mysuru, June 30 (MTY&KS)- Urging the Government for fulfilment of their various demands, several Organisations and Associations staged protests near the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) in city this morning.

Increase honorarium: About 80 members of Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Workers Association under the banner of All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) staged a protest demanding increase in the honorarium and to implement the allocations provided in the budget among others.

Stating that ASHA workers played a major role during the COVID-19 pandemic that is still prevailing in the State, the protestors said that the honorarium paid to them was very less making it difficult for them to lead a normal life. They demanded that the honorarium be increased to Rs. 12,000 to help them lead a better life and warned of stopping their work from July 10 if their demands were not met. The protestors later submitted a memorandum to Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) B.R. Poornima.

ASHA Workers Association District President R. Shubhamangala, District Secretary Komala, office-bearers Sandhya, Sunitha, Seema, Yashodhara and others were present.

Scrap illegal appointments: Another group of nearly 80 persons under the banner of Dalitha Sangarsha Samithi (DSS) and Unorganised Pourakarmika Workers Association, demanding scraping of illegal appointments of Pourakarmikas at T. Narasipur Municipal Council, staged a protest near the Deputy Commissioner's Office.

They alleged that six persons have been illegally appointed as Pourakarmikas at T.Narasipur Municipal Council and were drawing salaries and added that though there were senior Pourakarmikas, they were not considered for the appointment.

The protestors demanded suspension of all six persons who were appointed illegally and appoint Pourakarmikas on seniority basis. A memorandum was submitted to ADC Poornima.

DSS State Convenor Harihara Anandaswamy, District Convenor Dr. Chandrashekar, Pailwan Krishna, Nagaraj, D.N. Babu and others were present.

COVID relief package: About 30 members of Karnataka State Unaided Schools and Colleges Teaching Faculty Association, demanding announcement of COVID relief package to them staged a protest in city this morning. The members who assembled near the DC Office staged a protest and also demanded the private and unaided school managements and the Government to take steps to protect their health besides demanding free treatment to them if they contract Coronavirus. They also demanded the COVID relief be paid to them from the Teachers' Welfare Fund and Students' Welfare Fund.

Association President Rajashekar Murthy, Vice-President Anthony Paul Raj and others took part in the dharna.

State COVID-19 Expert Panel warns of rapid spurt of the pandemic in July-August

- **Karnataka Government to take action as per recommendations of the report**
- **Likely to issue fresh lockdown guidelines on July 7 after the conclusion of SSLC exams**
- **Educational Institutions in State not to re-open till September**
- **Lockdown situation likely to prevail for six more months**

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa holding meeting with expert doctors and private hospital managements in Bengaluru yesterday.

Bengaluru, June 30 (KMS & DM)- An Expert Committee of Karnataka has warned the State Government of a mega spurt in COVID-19 cases in the succeeding months of July and August.

The Committee, comprising Narayana Hrudayalaya Chairman Dr. Devi Shetty, Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Sciences and Research Director Dr. C. N. Manjunath and others, is said to have submitted a report to the Government on the likely grave COVID-19 situation in the State in July - August and the tough measures to be taken for combating the spread of the deadly pandemic.

As the State's tally of Corona positive cases rose to 14,295 as on June 29, with the State recording 1,105 cases on Monday alone, the State Government is likely to announce stricter lockdown-like measures to regulate movement of people in the wake of a possible surge in cases.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Revenue Minister R. Ashok, who is also Bengaluru's COVID-19 In-charge Minister, said that strict measures will be announced mostly on July 7 after the SSLC exam which is scheduled to end on July 4. The Chief Minister may announce new guidelines to curb the pandemic, he added.

Asking the healthcare and frontline staff to be mentally prepared for battling the COVID-19 pandemic for the next six months, till the disease is controlled, he said that measures were in place to increase the number of beds in the designated hospitals in order to meet rising cases of the pandemic.

Meanwhile, as cases continue to spike across the State, the Government might reconsider its permission for Dine-in services at Hotels and Restaurants, inter-District movement and functioning of Markets and Malls and tighter regulations at public places such as parks, among other things.

'Guddali puja' for new block in Maharani's Science College

Mysuru, June 30 (RKB&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra performed 'Guddali Puja' (Ground-breaking Ceremony) for a new block at Maharani's Science First Grade College for Women here on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said that the block will be of four floors and is being built at a cost of Rs. 7.8 crore. The ground floor will have a floor area of 794.21 sq. mts., first and second floors 701.20 sq. mts. each and the third floor will have five laboratories, 20 class rooms and four washrooms, he said and added that the block is being constructed fully out of the State Government grants.

Corporator Pramila Bharath, College Principal Shanthappa, Joint Director of Collegiate Education Mugeshappa, BJP leaders Somashekararaju, Puneeth, Sachin, Aravind, Devaraj, Nagesh, Jyothi, Balaram and others were present.

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